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JCM: TRAVEL OF MORRIS AND PARDEE (01.00)

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1. REQUEST FOLLOWING LETTER BE DELIVERED TO AYKAZYAN
FROM MORRIS:

2. 01.00 - APRIL 24, 1978

DR. E. A. AYKAZYAN
CHIEF, SECTION FOR USA
ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MOSCOW

DEAR DR. AYKAZYAN:
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 18. A LETTER TO YOU
ON THE SAME SUBJECT WAS DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION. ARTHUR
PARDEE, THE HEAD OF THE STAFF IN THE NSF THAT SUPPORTS
ACTIVITIES UNDER THE S&T AGREEMENT, WILL ACCOMPANY ME.

WE WOULD SLIGHTLY PREFER TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR ABOUT TWO

DAYS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. WOULD THIS BE SATISFACTORY FOR YOU? IF MAY 22 IS DEFINITELY BETTER FOR YOU, WE COULD ARRANGE TO COME THEN.

IN ADDITION TO THE TOPICS YOU MENTION THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS, I SUGGEST THAT WE FINALIZE THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES SO THEY CAN BE SIGNED DURING THE SIXTH JCM, AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT RECORD OF THE MEETING AND NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION.

THE US SIDE HAS NOW IDENTIFIED FIVE POSSIBLE NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION UNDER THE S&T AGREEMENT, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE COMMUNICATED SHORTLY BY TELEGRAM. WE HOPE TO RECEIVE THE SOVIET IDEAS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. EACH SIDE THEN MAY COMMENT ON THE OTHER'S LIST, IF POSSIBLE WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIPT. ONCE AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON A LIST OF THREE OR FOUR NEW TOPICS, A DECISION CAN BE MADE AS TO WHICH SIDE WILL PREPARE EACH PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SIXTH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE REGULATIONS. IT WOULD BE IDEAL IF THIS LATTER STEP COULD BE COMPLETED SO THAT DRAFTS COULD BE EXCHANGED DURING OUR VISIT TO MOSCOW. IS THIS PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE SATISFACTORY?

WE WILL ALSO SEND IN A SHORT TIME SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHICH
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SIDE OF EACH WORKING GROUP SHOULD DO THE FIRST DRAFT OF A JOINT REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION AND AN INDICATION AS TO WHICH WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE US DELEGATION TO THE MEETING. WE CONCUR IN YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURE AND HAVE ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF EACH WORKING GROUP MAKE A FIVE MINUTE ORAL PRESENTATION OF THE JOINT REPORT TO THE COMMISSION, WITH DISCUSSION FOLLOWING.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT G. MORRIS. VANCE

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